GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:173
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2003
IMPORT OF EDIBLE OILS
BIR SING MAHATO;VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the production of edible oils in the country during each of the last three years, and during the current year variety-wise;

(b) whether there has been a decline in its production in recent months;

(c) if so, the details thereof including rise in prices;

(d) the import of edible oil under OGL as on date;

(e) whether increasing imports are likely to affect indigenous oil industry;

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to protect and promote domestic oil industry;

(g) whether any cheaper source of edible oil has been identified; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (h): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (h) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 173 DUE FOR ANSWE 12-12-2003 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): The domestic production of edible oils during the last three years is annexed.

(b)&(c): Available information does not indicate decline in production in recent months. There is no appreciable increase in the wholesale prices of edible oils of mass consumption in the last one month.

(d) to (f): During April-June`03 the import of edible oils has been 14.94 lakh MTs only. Since imports are virtually stable there is no likelihood of adverse impact on the domestic industry.

(g)&(h): No, Sir.

Annex.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.173 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 12.12.2(THE LOK SABHA.

(In lakh MT)

Oil	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
Groundnut	14.7	16.6	11.8
Rapeseed & Mustard	13.0	15.6	12.3
Soyabean	8.4	9.4	7.2
Sunflower	2.1	2.4	2.7
Sesame	1.6	2.3	1.3
Nigerseed	0.3	0.4	0.3
Safflower	0.6	0.7	0.5
Linseed	0.6	0.7	0.6
Coconut	5.6	5.5	5.5
Cottonseed	4.6	4.8	4.3

Rice-bran	4.8	5.5	6.0
Solvent Extracted Oils	2.0	2.8	2.0
Oils of Tree & Forest Origin	1.0	0.8	0.8